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Local legislator votes for tax increase on employers

Jackson – State Rep. (xxxNAMExxx) was among House Democrats who voted Wednesday for a \$16 million tax increase on Mississippi employers.

In voting for House Concurrent Resolution 64, a measure that would give the Legislature the authority to override decisions made by Governor Haley Barbour on whether to accept certain portions of the federal stimulus package, xxxNAMExxx sided with reckless spenders. The House vote was 69-53, with all Republicans and four Democrats voting no.

“The simple truth is, this was a vote to raise taxes on employers. The last thing Mississippi needs in a recession is higher taxes on the very people who create new jobs,” said state Republican Chairman Brad White.

One part of the federal stimulus package would require Mississippi to permanently change state law on unemployment insurance to cover those who are unwilling to seek a full-time job; the tax supporting the insurance program is paid by employers. HCR 64 would allow legislators to accept federal stimulus funding that creates a huge new benefits program that will have no money when the federal funding runs out – unless a big new tax increase is imposed on employers.

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